

THE PENDING CLAIMS:

1. (Previously Presented) A metallic separator for a fuel cell, comprising a stainless steel plate having a surface, wherein gold is coated on the surface at 2.3 to 94% of area rate with respect to an area where the gold is coated without surface treatment by a nickel coating.

2. (Previously Presented) The metallic separator for a fuel cell, according to claim 1, wherein the amount of gold with respect to an area where the gold is coated is not less than 0.019 mg/cm^2 .

3. (Previously Presented) The metallic separator for a fuel cell, according to claim 1, wherein the amount of gold with respect to an area where the gold is coated is not more than 1.76 mg/cm^2 .

4. (Original) The metallic separator for a fuel cell, according to claim 1, wherein an average grain diameter of gold which is coated is 0.01 to $50\mu\text{m}$.

5. (Previously Presented) A production method for a metallic separator for a fuel cell, comprising a stainless steel plate having a surface, the method comprising a step of coating gold on the surface in an acid bath without performing surface treatment, wherein the gold is coated on the surface at 2.3 to 94% of area rate with respect to an area where the gold is coated.